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SUBJECT: STAFFDEL LOWENSTEIN-MOOSE

REF: STATE 65953

1. I HAD MOOSE TO LUNCH MAY 1. COLONEL JOSEPH W. ROGERS, 7/13 TH ASSISTANT DEPUTY COMMANDER, AND VICE CONSUL HARLAN LEE ALSO ATTENDED. LOWENSTEIN WENT OFF TO NAKHON PHANOM DURING THIS INTERLUDE TO INVESTIGATE SENSORS.

2. I BRIEFED MOOSE ON THE CONSULATE'S FUNCTIONS: COORDINATION OF THE WORK OF OFFICIAL AMERICANS IN THE NORTHEAST; INSURGENCY-MONITORING; HELPING MAINTAIN SMOOTH THAI/AMERICAN RELATIONS IN AREAS AROUND THE SIX SIZEABLE U.S. TROOP LOCATIONS; POLITICAL REPORTING ON THE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, AND THAI/LAO AND THAI/CAMBODIAN RELATIONS; MINIMAL CONSULAR WORK.

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EM MOOSE TOOK WRITTEN NOTES ON MY COMMENTS ABOUT VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AND THE INSURGENCY. (I RELIED ON MY MEMORY OF UDORN A-10 OF APRIL 28 AND UDORN A-6 OS MARCH 5 FOR THESE TOPICS).

4. MOOSE ASKED WHAT THE THAI HAD DONE TO COUNTER THE INSURGENCY IN THE NORTHEAST. I CITED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SECOND ARMY FORWARD AT SAKON NAKHON IN 1967 AND ITS INITIAL PSYOPS CAMPAIGN; ACCELERATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER ROAD-BUILDING PROGRAMS THAT HAVE MADE SO MANY DISTRICTS ACCESSIBLE BY ALL-WEATHER ROAD; AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER ACADEMY WHICH HAS GREATLY IMPROVED THE CALIBER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP.

5. MOOSE ALSO EXPRESSED SOME INTEREST IN THE RICE CRISIS, THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT POSTURE VERSUS THE KHMER ROUGE AND THE NORTH VIETNAMESE IN NORTHEAST CAMBODIA ALONG THE THAI BORDER, AND SOUTH LAOS SEPARATISM.

6. MOOSE ASKED SPECIFICALLY ABOUT "ANTI-COMMUNIST" AND "TIGER" MEDALS AWARDED THE THAI TROOPS WHO HAVE FOUGHT ABROAD. I THINK WE CONVINCED HIM OF OUR GENUINE IGNORANCE OF THESE WORTHY DECORATIONS.

7. BANGKOK MAY WISH TO PASS THIS INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE REFTEL SO REQUESTS. VIENTIANE AND PHNOM PENH MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED. GP-3 BARNES

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